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ventilation, it seems to us that no builder or householder need look beyond this book for a full conception of the ends to be sought, and of the relative adequacy of the different mechanical contrivances for effecting them. So, too, as regards food, not only is the digestive process thoroughly analyzed, and the elementary constitution and chemical action of the various kinds of aliment described; but there are also culinary hints of wonderful number and variety, with lucid explanations of usually observed and familiar, but seldom understood, processes and results in that department of household industry. In fine, this is one of those manuals for current reference, which, when we have once begun to use them, we are ever after reluctant to have beyond our easy reach.

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27. — *Missionary Travels and Researches in South Africa; including a Sketch of Sixteen Years' Residence in the Interior of Africa, and a Journey from the Cape of Good Hope to Loanda on the West Coast; thence across the Continent, down the River Zambesi, to the Eastern Ocean.* By DAVID LIVINGSTONE, LL. D., D. C. L. With Portrait; Maps by Arrowsmith; and numerous Illustrations. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1858. 8vo. pp. 732.

THIS volume has reached us too late for us to say anything of it, except that it fully justifies the encomiums of the English press that have preceded its republication. We have been waiting only for its appearance, and for the completion of Barth's "North and Central Africa," to claim from a valued contributor a promised article, comprising a *résumé* of recent researches on the African continent.

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28. — 1. *Archæologia Americana. Transactions and Collections of the American Antiquarian Society.* Vol. III. Boston. 1857. 8vo. pp. cxxxviii, 378.

2. *Ancient Pemaquid: an Historical Review.* Prepared at the Request of the Maine Historical Society for its Collections, by J. WINGATE THORNTON. Portland: Brown Thurston. 1857. 8vo. pp. 178.

THE new volume issued by the Antiquarian Society has for its first document a monograph, by its accomplished librarian, Mr. S. F. Haven, on the origin of the Massachusetts Bay Company, with biographical notices of its founders. This, published in pamphlet several years